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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97(c), applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A. This information Disclosure Statement transmitted herewith is being filed after three months of the filing date of this national application or the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in section 1.491 in an international application or after the mailing date of the first Office action on the merits, whichever event occurred last but before the mailing date of either:

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Respectfully,

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